

Honorable Robert J. Bryan
Honorable Ronald B. Leighton

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

CARLOS LOPEZ HERNANDEZ, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. CR18-5579RBL

NOTICE OF RELATED CASES

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

COLIN BECCARIA,

Defendant.

NO. CR19-5251RJB

NOTICE OF RELATED CASES

Comes now the United States of America, by Brian T. Moran, United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington, and Marci L. Ellsworth and Karyn S. Johnson, Assistant United States Attorneys for said District, and respectfully submits the following Notice of Related Cases pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 13(a) and (b).

The two cases captioned above are related cases.

On November 29, 2018, the Grand Jury charged 31 members of a large drug trafficking organization (DTO) with one count of Conspiracy to Distribute Controlled Substances, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A)

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1 and 846 (Count 1), and some of those 31 individuals in two related money laundering
 2 counts, in case number CR18-5579RBL. Agents arrested many of the 31 indicted
 3 defendants on December 5-6, 2018, during a coordinated takedown of the investigation.


4 The coordinated takedown was the culmination of a year-plus long investigation
 5 conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration that involved several periods of
 6 court-authorized wiretaps. In addition to obtaining the Indictment against the 31
 7 individuals on November 29, 2018, agents also swore to a number of criminal complaints
 8 on December 4, 2018, and obtained arrest warrants for those individuals. During the
 9 takedown on December 5-6, 2018, agents also arrested a number of individuals on
 10 probable cause. Agents made *all* of these arrests as a part of the larger investigation.
 11 Additionally, there is a single search warrant affidavit underlying nearly every search
 12 made during the takedown. Even where agents swore to a different affidavit, it
 13 incorporated much of the same information as was contained in the large, single affidavit,
 14 all of which is the same information contained in the wiretap pleadings.

15 Due the overlap between the two cases (CR18-5579RBL and CR19-5251RJB),
 16 including common co-conspirator defendants and the common facts underlying both
 17 indictments, the United States files this notice to the Court of the related cases and
 18 requests the new case, CR19-5251RJB, be reassigned to Judge Ronald B. Leighton.

19 DATED this 12th day of June, 2019.

20 Respectfully submitted,

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